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To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 4:23 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: A R
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 5 06 PM
Subject: Please join Copps and Martin

- 1 Please join Copps and Martin on their stance to reinstate the Family hour
- 2 It is also time that the FCC begins a decency campaign prohibiting the orgies, use of drugs, lesbianism promoted to our children through MTV and many other programs

Alex Ramirez
Miami, FL

From: Jones, Thomas
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 5 19 PM
Subject: Relaxation of FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Honorable Michael K Powell, Honorable Kathleen Q Abernathy, Honorable Michael J Copps, Honorable Kevin J Martin, and Honorable Jonathan S Adelstein

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Thomas K Jones, Jr, Ph D

From: Gene Foster
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 5:33 PM
Subject: Re Relaxation of FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

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From: Ray McGrath
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 5:37 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Copps

I write to urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules

The issue of broadcast ownership rules goes beyond mere economic matters, and goes to the core of the potential for political discourse within the

Republic. Monopoly ownership, be it of broadcast properties and or a combination of broadcast and print outlets within markets and across markets, will surely strangle political discussion. If anything, the present rules need to be tightened as they apply to a single market.

I urge you and your fellow commissioners to weigh the issue of broadcast ownership rules on political scales, not simply economic scales.

With best regards,

Ray McGrath
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From: Mary Soufi
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 6 48 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

Mary Soufi
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May 2, 2003

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC Commissioner Copps

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media

I am very well informed on this topic, having followed it keenly for most of the year

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal of or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of news and information. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative effects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the

FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process

Sincerely,

Mary Soufi

From: kjfp@earthlink.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:10 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

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From: William Thiele
To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7 24 PM
Subject: Do Not Relax Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC

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William J. Thiele

Bernardsville, NJ 07924-1707

From: Grant J Neptune
To: FCC FCCINFO
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7 26 PM
Subject: Question about Right of Entry for MDU

To Whom It May Concern

I work for Broadband Solutions and we outfit Multiple Dwelling Units with Satellite TV and High-Speed Internet Service. We are working with some owners of multiple MDU's here in Denver, CO. They wish to enter into an exclusive Right of Entry Agreement with our company, but are concerned about the old outdated contracts with the cable company. The contracts that they have all expired three - five years ago. The contracts were originally with Mile-Hi Cablevision, which was acquired by AT&T, which of course is now Comcast Cable. There are no current Right of Entry agreements with the cable company.

Comcast is claiming that the contracts are infinite and continue on and on. I am trying to reassure the owners that there is no such thing as an infinite contract. However, they are afraid that Comcast will sue them if they enter into this new agreement with our company. Is there something that I can provide the owners through the FCC to assure them that they are OK to enter into this agreement with our company? Any help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Grant

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Roy Bascomb
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:45 PM
Subject: Fw Relaxation of the Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Roy E. Bascomb

Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103

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From: DaveGG@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Subject: Media Ownership

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Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:51 PM
Subject: Proposed "broadcast ownership rules"

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